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WASHINGTON, May 21, 1986 -- Orders for new freight cars in April totaled 1,850, compared with 1,252 in March, and 816 in April 1985, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first four months of this year totaled 5,077, compared with 3,422 a year ago.

Cars placed in service in April came to 607, compared with 624 in March and 979 in April of last year. Total deliveries so far this year are 2,218, compared with 3,900 at the same time a year ago.

As of May 1, a total of 4,618 cars were on order but undelivered, compared with 3,375 on April 1, and 4,466 on May 1, 1985. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 3,139 cars, compared with 4,296 a year ago.

The AAR also reported that 76 locomotives were placed in service in April, compared with 37 in March and 38 in April 1985.

As of May 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 190, compared with 199 on April 1, and 262 on May 1 of last year.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on May 1 was 22,438, compared with 22,500 on April 1, and 23,605 on May 1 a year ago.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	April		March	Four Months	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
Built New by Car Builders	607	979	574	2,168	3,564
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	336
Built New - Total	607	979	574	2,168	3,900
Rebuilt	0	0	50	50	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	607	979	624	2,218	3,900
Locomotives	76	38	37	134	135

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,850	816	1,252	5,027	3,422
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,850	816	1,252	5,027	3,422
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	50	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,850	816	1,252	5,077	3,422

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	May 1		April 1	Average	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
To be built New by Car Builders	4,618	4,396	3,375	3,127	4,226
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	70	0	0	70
To be built New - Total	4,618	4,466	3,375	3,127	4,296
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	12	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	4,618	4,466	3,375	3,139	4,296
Locomotives	190	262	199	190	256

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